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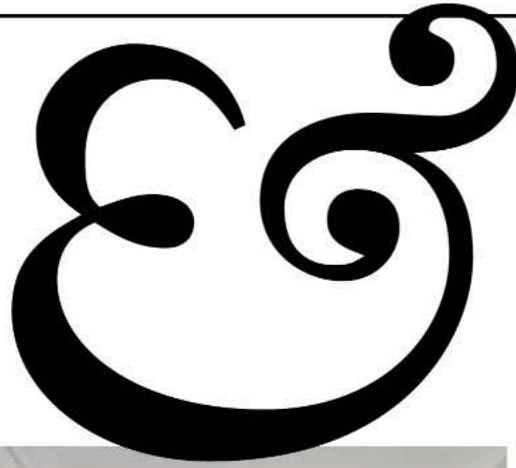
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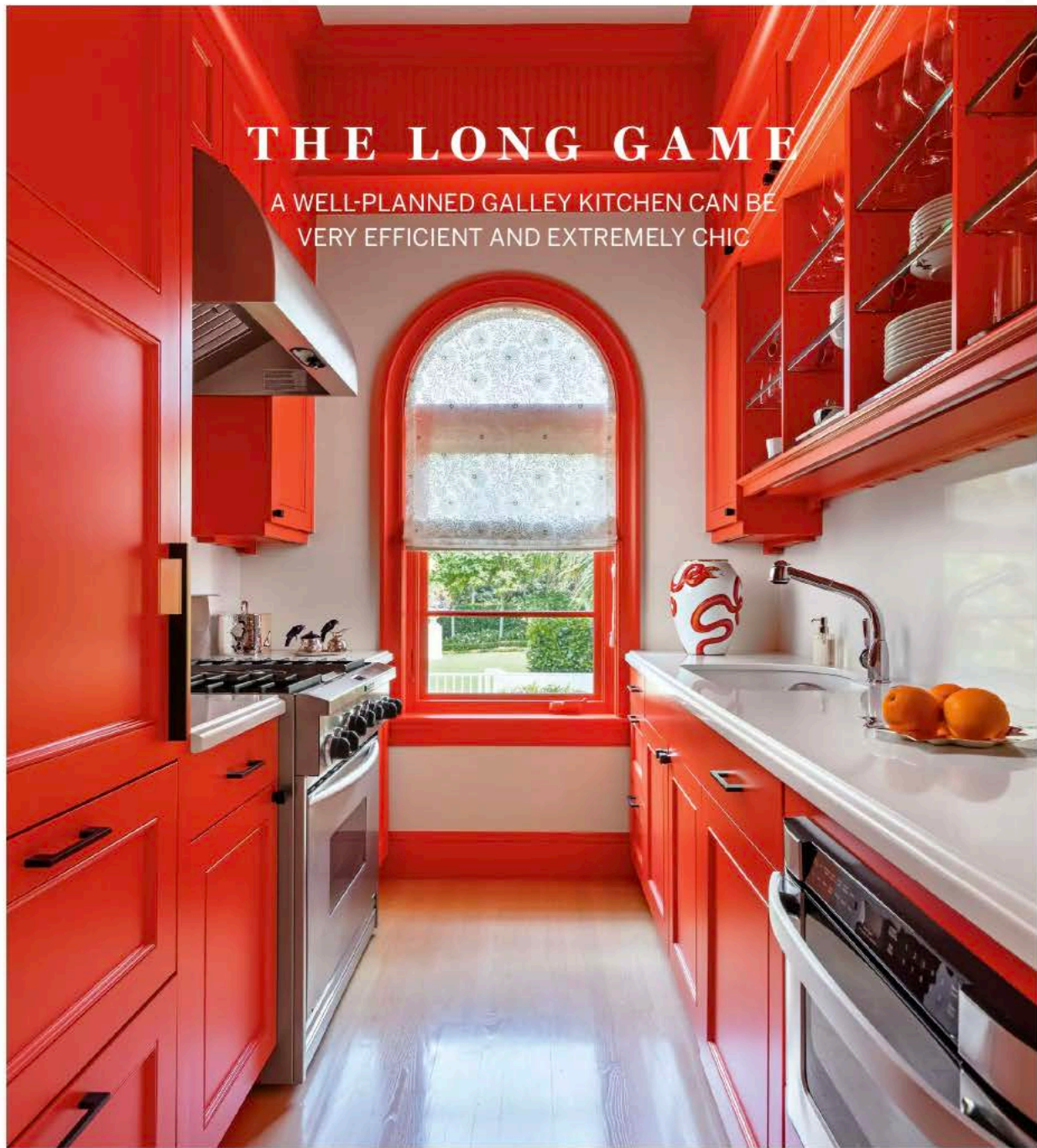
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KITCHENS & BATHROOMS

IN THIS SECTION ON THE HOME'S MOST HARDWORKING SPACES, THE FOCUS IS ON MAXIMISING EVERY INCH, GETTING ORGANISED AND CREATING STUNNING SCHEMES WITH THE NEWEST LOOKS



THE LONG GAME

A WELL-PLANNED GALLEY KITCHEN CAN BE VERY EFFICIENT AND EXTREMELY CHIC

MAKE A SPLASH

In this glorious galley kitchen, the focus was on colour – and MMB Studio has applied it with vigour. ‘Using bold colour is one way to grow a space that has a small footprint. Here, the kitchen is narrow and compact, and I wanted to make it a star. The colour – the aptly named Energetic Orange by Sherwin-Williams – totally grabs your attention and allows your eye to travel along the entire length and height of the space,’ enthuses interior designer Matthew Boland, principal, MMB Studio. ‘The deep orange shade is unexpected and generously applied, right up to the cornice. The smallest spaces can be the most memorable if you keep the focus strong,’ he adds.

Cabinetry in Orange Aurora intelligent eggshell, £75.50 for 2.5ltr, Little Greene, is similar.

Project by MMB Studio

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GREAT HEIGHTS

Blocking tall cabinetry together at the furthest point from the main entrance is a great way to maximise storage without overpowering a room. ‘Galley layouts are practical because they efficiently use both sides of a narrow space,’ says George Glasier, co-founder, Pluck. ‘This kitchen has a double-door larder, which is ideal for storing food when space is under pressure. We tore up the rules in relation to a symmetrical layout and worked with the ceiling height, then used a strong colour for a cohesive balance across the design.’

Bespoke **kitchens** from £20,000, Pluck

IN THE MIX

Vary the colours, cabinet depths and materials to break up the uniformity of a linear layout. ‘We always include different materials as highlights, such as an antiqued glass splashback or our signature patinated metals,’ says Charlie Smallbone, founder, Ledbury Studio. ‘I like to interrupt a run of cabinetry with open shelving, such as the plate rack seen here, and use fluted glass in wall cupboards, which adds a feeling of lightness while providing useful enclosed storage.’

Bespoke **kitchens** from £70,000, Ledbury Studio →

